

Christian Suffering

1 Peter 4:12-19

1. _____ fierce trials. Vs 12 *“Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;”*

John 16:1-4

- A. Don't judge God's _____ by our _____.
B. Don't be _____ by bad _____.

2. By _____ our lives will prove to be _____. Vs 13 *“but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.”*

- A. Our suffering for Christ will _____ to our _____ when Christ is _____.

James 1:2 *“...count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.”*

2 Timothy 2:3 *“You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.”*

3. An _____ glorification. Vs 14 *“If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.”*

Matthew 5:11 *“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you...”*

When we come upon trials we have a choice...an attitude of:

- A. _____ is God??

or

- B. This is _____ what my _____ is in this moment!

4. Avoid _____ the _____ of sinful choices. Vs 15
“But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matters.”

A. Our _____ decisions are by our own _____.

B. Christians are _____ to do _____.

5. _____ Christ. Vs 16 *“Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.”*

1 John 2:6 *“He who says he abides in Him, ought himself also to walk just He walked.”*

6. _____ outcome. Vs 17 *“For the time has come for judgement to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?”*

A. God does _____ His children.

B. His discipline is to _____ us in to _____ on Him and not the world’s substitutions for Him.

C. The _____ of His discipline is to _____ us from the fate of non-believers.

7. _____ outcome. Vs 18 *“Now “if the righteous one is saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?””*

A. God uses a Christians _____ to _____ our trust in Him.

B. The ungodly will _____ a much _____ outcome!

8. _____ our lives to Christ. Vs 19 *“Therefore let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful Creator.”*

2 Timothy 1:12 *“For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.”*